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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN JOSE DIVISION

IN RE:	)	CHAPTER 13
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PRITHPAL SINGH	)	CASE NO.: 24-50983 SLJ
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	)	Date: January 23, 2025
	)	Time: 10:00 am
Debtor.	)	Place: Telephone/Videoconference

**APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION BY ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR**

This application is submitted pursuant to the Guidelines for Compensation and Expense Reimbursement of Professionals and Trustees adopted by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California. Applicant is Susan D. Silveira of Silveira Law Offices is attorney of record for the above-named debtor.

1.	Date Petition Filed:	June 28, 2024
2.	Date of Plan Confirmation:	Not Yet Confirmed
3.	Amount of Fees Previously Approved for Applicant:	\$ .00
4.	Amount Received by Applicant:	\$1,000.00
5.	Time Period for This Application:	November 11, 2023 through December 4, 2024
6.	Hourly Rate of Professional:	\$375 per hour
7.	Total Hours in This Application:	37.20
8.	Total Fees Requested:	\$13,950.00

1 9. Amount Included for Appearance at Hearing on Fee Application: \$0  
2 10. Total Costs Requested in this Application: \$412.80  
3 11. Total Fees and Costs Requested: \$14,362.80  
4 12. Brief Description of Services: This case involves a debtor in need of financial  
5 reorganization due to substantial credit card debt. Debtor had been working with a debt relief  
6 agency where he was paying more than \$5,000 a month towards this debt. These payments soon  
7 became unmanageable, causing debtor to seek bankruptcy relief. Debtor lives with is family in  
8 his home and he wanted to be sure that his home would not be subject to possible collection  
9 activity. Debtor also anticipated a tax liability that he wanted to pay in his bankruptcy case.  
10 Debtor is involved with an LLC called Desi Beatz. He and his business partner in this  
11 LLC conduct exclusive weekend “party” events. As is sometimes the case with small business  
12 owners, Debtor required substantial assistance from applicant in preparing an accurate profit and  
13 loss statement for the years 2023 and 2024. It took several months to obtain the necessary  
14 documents to prepare this case for filing, including tax returns, bank statements and pay advices.  
15 The debtor was anxious to get the case filed as soon as possible. Due to the delay in obtaining  
16 the necessary documents, the paperwork needed to be updated, causing more time than usual to  
17 be spent in the preparation of the petition, schedules, related documents and Chapter 13 plan.  
18 Wanting no further delay, the case was filed with the understanding that Debtor was in  
19 the process of amending his tax returns to be consistent with the information compiled in the  
20 profit and loss statement. Applicant assisted in providing the required documents to the Chapter  
21 13 Trustee. Applicant assisted debtor in preparing and attending his 341 meeting of creditors  
22 which was completed successfully on August 12, 2024.  
23 There were numerous objections to confirmation filed by the Chapter 13 Trustee which  
24 applicant assisted the debtor in addressing. Applicant investigated the proof of claim filed by TD  
25 Retail to ascertain whether the claim was in fact a secured claim. Applicant also advised debtor  
26 of other documents and information needed from the debtor to address these objections.  
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1 Applicant prepared detailed correspondence to the Chapter 13 Trustee discussing the progress of  
2 addressing the Trustee objections.

3 Applicant contacted Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union to confirm that the debtor  
4 was in a bankruptcy and had intended to continue paying on his car loan, but it turned out that the  
5 Credit Union did not feel bound to whatever arrangement the debtor had with them to make  
6 payments on this loan and would not allow him to continue making these payments through his  
7 bankruptcy case. Applicant also verified that the Credit Union was not going to repossess the  
8 vehicle. In view of the misunderstanding about the status of this loan at the time of the filing of  
9 this case, Applicant has not charged for the time to address this matter.

10 Applicant has been reminding the debtor of the need to complete the amended tax returns  
11 in order to prepare the necessary amended schedules and plan. Debtor has been reluctant to do so.  
12 Applicant was recently contacted by Robert Goldstein to advise that he was substituting as  
13 counsel in this case.

14 All legal services provided were reasonable and necessary. A detailed billing statement is  
15 attached to the declaration submitted by the applicant and filed concurrently herein.

16 WHEREFORE, Applicant requests approval of this application and an Order providing for  
17 payment of \$13,950.00 in fees and \$412.80 in costs, less the \$1,000 in fees and \$385 in costs  
18 already paid, leaving a balance of \$12, 387,80 for payment as a Chapter 13 administrative  
19 expense to be paid in this case. In the event this case is dismissed, Applicant requests that this  
20 claim be paid from whatever amounts the Chapter 13 Trustee has available to disburse, In re  
21 Wheaton, 547 B.R. 490 (BAP 1<sup>st</sup> Cir. 2016), with any remaining fees and costs to be paid  
22 directly by the debtor.

23 Dated: December 4, 2024

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25 /s/ Susan D. Silveira  
26 Susan D. Silveira  
27 Attorney for Debtor  
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